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January 25, 1968	14,787 AF & Navy reservists ordered to active duty; (released by 11/1/68 at the latest)	NMC, p. 158
January 27, 1968	<u>Yorktown</u> (CVS) & destroyer-type ships join <u>Enterprise</u> task force (#77); (CVA <u>Ranger</u> arrives at some point also)	Gilmore; NMC, p. 169
January 27, 1968	6 carrier squadrons of Naval Air Reserves report for active duty	Gilmore; NMC, p. 169
January, 1968	Carriers <u>Enterprise</u> , <u>Yorktown</u> , <u>Ranger</u> , 3 cruisers, 26 destroyers in area	Cable, p. 142
January 29, 1968	5th Air Force established advance headquarters at Osan AB, Korea	U.S. Air Forces in Pacific;
January 31, 1968	<u>Enterprise</u> , <u>Canberra</u> , (CAO) <u>Truxton</u> , 5 DDs still in Japan Sea;	Gilmore
February 5, 1968	<u>Enterprise</u> withdraws	Gilmore
February 18, 1968	U.S. AF jets stray over North Korea accidentally	Gilmore
Date unknown	Aerospace Defense Command, Tactical Air Command units deployed to Korea from Conus	U.S. Air Forces in Pacific
February 22, 1968	USAF F-106s deployed to Korea	U.S. Air Forces in Pacific

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3. Jan 25, 68	14,787 AF : Navy reservists (released by 11/1/68 at the latest) ordered to active duty; 1	NMC, p. 158
4. Jan 27	<u>Yorktown</u> (CVS) : destroyer-type (#77) force (CVA Ranger force?) ships join <u>Enterprise</u> task group arrives at some point abt	Gilmore; NMC, p. 169
5. Jan 27	6 carrier squadrons of Naval Air Reserves report for active duty	"
6. Jan. 29	5 <sup>th</sup> Air Force established advance headquarters at Osan AB, Korea	U.S. Air Forces in Pacific;
7. Jan 31, 68	<u>Enterprise</u> , <u>Canberra</u> (CAO); <u>Truxton</u> , 5 DDs <sup>still</sup> in Japan Sea;	Gilmore
8. Feb 5, 68	<u>Enterprise</u> withdraws	"
9. Feb 18, 68	U.S. AF jets stray over N. Korea accidentally;	"
10. (no date)	Aerospace Defense Command, Tactical Air Command units deployed to Korea from Conus;	U.S. Air Forces in Pacific
11. Feb. 22, 68 (Approx.)	USAF F-106s deployed to Korea	"
12. January	Carriers <u>Enterprise</u> , <u>Yorktown</u> , <u>Ranger</u> 3 cruisers, 26 destroyers in area.	Cable, p. 142



# Positions of U.S. AIRCRAFT CARRIERS PUEBLO

USS TICONDEROGA (CUA-14) 1/23 - 3/10/6

LATITUDE

LONGITUDE

Moored Subic Bay

Aircraft Launching

1st mention - Task 77.1

→ (Condition Readiness 4

S. operating area  
off Coast of  
N. Vietnam

This is Pueblo  
Task Force  
# 77

23		
24	14° 19.5' N	120° 14.4' E
25	14° 42.3' N	113° 03.2' E
26	18° 05' N	107° 31' E
27	17° 56.5' N	107° 21.0' E
28	18° 15.8' N	107° 23.9' E
29	18° 13.5' N	107° 31' E
30	17° 23.5' N	107° 57.2' E
31	17° 37' N	107° 49' E
Feb 1	16° 50.2' N	108° 26.1' E
2	17° 05' N	108° 13' E
3	17° 27.5' N	107° 44.2' E
4	17° 52' N	108° 01' E
5	17° 25' N	108° 14.2' E
6	18° 31.9' N	107° 46.2' E
7	18° 05' N	107° 58' E
8	18° 13' N	107° 49' E
9	17° 49.5' N	107° 45' E
10	18° 44' N	107° 39.2' E
11	18° 31' N	107° 32.5' E
12	17° 35.9' N	108° 03' E
13	17° 46' N	107° 46' E
14	18° 27' N	107° 26.5' E
15	18° 22.5' N	107° 22' E
16	18° 23' N	107° 43' E
17	18° 33.0' N	107° 30.5' E

	<u>L</u>	<u>λ</u>
18	18° 26.1' N	107° 49.3' E
19	18° 26.1' N	107° 30' E
20	17° 50' N	107° 09' E
21	18° 12.2' N	107° 49.2' E
22	18° 15.5' N	107° 11.8' E
23	18° 22.5' N	107° 57.8' E
24	18° 24.1' N	107° 51' E
25	17° 56' N	107° 39' E
26	18° 10.4' N	107° 33' E
27	18° 30.5' N	107° 29' E
28	18° 35' N	107° 15' E
29	18° 18' N	107° 41.5' E
March 1	18° 20.2' N	107° 30.8' E
2	18° 21' N	107° 49' E
3	18° 49' N	107° 12' E
4	17° 17.1' N	113° 33.6' E

Moored

Subic Bay P.C.  
(until 14th)

Then Back to  
N. Vietnam

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Enterprise (CVA(N)-65) 1<sup>st</sup> Fleet [1/23/68 - 3/10/68]

	<u>L</u>	<u>λ</u>
Jan 23	30°24'W	129°22.5'E
24	33°03'9N	127°49'E
25	35°56.8'N	130°11'E
26	36°01.5'N	131°10'E
27	35°59.2'N	131°24.5'E
28	36°06.5'N	131°21'E
29	35°55'N	131°29.5'E
30	36°47.2'N	130°51.5'E
31	36°04.9'N	131°45.2'E
Feb 1	35°52'W	132°02.1'E
2	35°56.2'N	132°24.3'E
3	36°14.1'N	130°56.2'E
4	36°05'N	131°03.5'E
5	35°35.2'N	131°40.1'E
6	35°44'N	131°39'E
7	32°35.5'N	127°42.8'E
8	32°11.8'N	127°46'E
9	32°06.8'N	127°35.1'E
10	32°27.8'N	127°43.7'E
11	32°09'N	127°34'E
12	31°50.9'N	127°33'E
13	32°55.2'N	127°35'E
14	32°23.7'W	127°25.2'E
15	31°17.8'N	127°11.2'E
16	33°02'N	128°15.5'E
17	32°12'N	125°33'E

	<u>L</u>	<u>λ</u>
18	24° 18.8' N	123° 35. E
19	Moored	Subic Bay P.I.
20	14° 37.3' N	118° 23.3 E
21	17° 28.2' N	108° 32.2' E
22	18° 24' N	107° 37. E Gulf of Tonkin
23	18° 29' N	107° 30 E
24	18° 18' N	107° 22 E
25	18° 23' N	107° 33.5 E
26	18° 20.3' N	107° 28' E
27	18° 03' N	107° 36' E
28	18° 02' 5" N	107° 28' E
29	18° 25.8' N	107° 41' E
March 30	18° 27' N	107° 39.5 E
1	18° 24.3' N	107° 38.8 E
2	18° 33.8' N	106° 54.3 E
3	18° 50.3' N	107° 22.3' E
4	18° 27.7' N	107° 13' E
5	18° 11' N	107° 35.5 E
6	18° 16.3' N	107° 35' 5" E
7	18° 27.5' N	107° 24' 5" E
8	18° 44' N	107° 41' E
9	18° 37.5' N	107° 50.5' E



1/24/68 - 2/22/68  
 #1 1/24/68 - 2/5/68

Specific Military Actions

Incident: Pueblo '68

Date:

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Unit	Actions	Initiated	Terminated	Revealing Source
SAC bombers	additional # deployed to W. Pacific			
Enterprise (CVA), Truxton (DLG) & support ships	enter Sea of Japan	24 Jan, 68		Gilmore
14, 787 Air Force & Navy reservists ordered to	ordered to active duty at the latest (released by 11/1/68)	25 Jan, 68		(NMC, p. 158)
Yorktown (CVS) & destroyer-type ships	join Enterprise task group	27 Jan, 68		"
6 carrier squadrons of Naval Air Reserve	report for active duty	27 Jan, 68		"
Enterprise, Canberra (CAG), Truxton, 7 DDs	in Japan Sea	31 Jan, 68		"
Enterprise	withdraws	←	5 Feb, 68	"
US Air Force jets	stray over North Korea by accident	18 Feb, 68		"
Hamcock (CVA), 4 DDs	in Sea of Japan	2 Dec, 68		
5th Air Force	established advance headquarters at Osan Air Base, Korea	29 Jan, 68		US Air Forces in Pacific
Aerospace Defense Command Tactical Air Command	3 units deployed to Korea from COMUS			
F-106s	deployed to Korea	late Feb, 68		"
F-111s (6)	combat evaluation tests in Thailand	March 68		
Ranger (CVA)	enters Sea of Japan w/Enterprise			NMC, p. 169

Source:

Local SituationIncident: Pueblo, 68Target country: N. KoreaType of regime: communistNames and Allegiances of prominent individuals:

Major reaction to incident: forces try to break through border on US sector, <sup>wound</sup> ~~kill~~ 8 US soldiers 25 Jan; repulsed 29 Jan;  
fighting on border - 1 South killed, 2 US wounded 27 March; release 81 survivors 23 Dec, 68

Soviet Union

Action

When

Others

Actor

Actions

When

S. Korea

demonstrators urge US to take stronger action ~~to~~ against infiltrators

31 Jan, 68



Policy Context

Incident: Pueblo, 68

simultaneous w/ buildups in response to Tet offensive & siege of Khe Sanh; border incidents in Korea throughout 67  
Pueblo (AG-ER) surrounded & boarded by N. Koreans (in international waters?) 23 Jan, 1968

Diplomatic actions:

Official:	Form	Statements	To whom	Date
		appeals to U.N. for safe return of Pueblo crew, restoration of Korean armistice to full effectiveness		26 Jan, 68

Other actions:

Type of action

Date

Pres. Johnson's representative Cyrus Vance flies to Seoul  
meetings with North Koreans on release conditions

10 Feb, 68  
26th meeting 17 Dec, 68

Incident: Pueblo, '68

U. S. Objectives

Stated:

by whom:

Inferred:

by whom:

Outcome

According to U.S. policymakers (include anticipated applicability to similar situations):

according to target country:

according to outside observers:

~~① NK / SK~~

① N. Korea    ② U.S. ?  
③ S. Korea